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NAIROBI FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY

WARSAW FOR SECRETARY DENT

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. THURSDAY PAPERS FEATURE SPEAKER ALBERT BARS HOUSE INQUIRY ON AGNEW NOW BECAUSE OF MATTERS BEFORE THE COURTS; NIXON ROLE DENIED IN AGNEW'S MOVE, DID NOT INFLUENCE RICHARDSON'S DECISION; KISSINGER AT NEW YORK NEWS CONFERENCE DENIES ANY ROLE IN REQUEST FOR CIA PSYCHIATRIC STUDY OF ELLSBERG. KISSINGER EXPECTS NIXON IN EUROPE SOON. BUCHANAN TELLS WATERGATE PANEL HE SOUGHT TO BLOCK MUSKIE; WASHPOST STORY SAYS BUCHANAN CAMPAIGN MEMORANDA FAILED TO SHOW ANY BROAD CAMPAIGN TO EMPLOY ILLEGAL PRACTICES. SENATE VOTES, THEN VOIDS, 40 PERCENT TROOP CUT. WAYS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MEANS VOTES TO DENY TRADE CONCESSIONS TO SOVIET UNLESS

EMIGRATION POLICIES ARE EASED, DESPITE KISSINGER PLEA.

1A. INSIDE PAPERS REPORT HOUSE PASSED BILL LIMITING IMMIGRATION TO 20,000 PER COUNTRY PER YEAR WHICH WOULD REDUCE MEXICANS FROM PRESENT 40,000 ANNUALLY; ALSO SENATE CONFIRMED AMBASSADORS GOULD TO NETHERLANDS AND KINTER TO THAILAND PLUS USUN AMBASSADORS BENNETT SCHAUFELER WHITE. SENATE ALSO VOTED TO INSIST ON HOUSE-REJECTED AMENDMENTS AND RETURNED TO CONFERENCE PROVISIONS ON ACCESS TO STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGREEMENTS FOR MILITARY BASES OVERSEAS. WASHPOST REPORTS FOUR REPRESENTATIVES SUE TO STOP MUNITIONS SHIPMENT FROM WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, NAMING ABZUG DELLEMS HARRINGTON MITCHELL. POST ALSO REPORTS US ALLOWS PAKISTAN TO KEEP COPTERS DESPITE ARMS EMBARGO, ALSO AID ANNOUNCES 18 MILLION LOAN TO PAKISTAN RE FOOD PRODUCTION.

1B. TODAY'S NAIROBI STORIES ARE IN BUSINESS SECTION, WASHPOST ROWEN ALSO HAS PIECE ON OP-ED PAGE. PAPERS REPORT ARTHUR OKUN PREDICTS RECESSION UNLESS US LOOSENS ITS TIGHT CLAMPS ON ECONOMY; NYTIMES SHANAHAN STRESSES OKUN TOLD JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FEDERAL RESERVE SHOULD BEGIN PROMPTLY BUT GRADUALLY TO EASE CREDIT. GALLUP POLL FINDS HIGH COST OF LIVING IS TOP CONCERN, MENTIONED BY 89 PERCENT.

1C. WASHPOST INSIDE HAS PODGORNÝ CONGRATULATES NIXON ON SKYLAB SUCCESS; ALSO SOVIET SIGNS BROAD FIVE-YEAR PACT WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION ON SHIPPING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ASBESTOS MINING, ETC. NYTIMES HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW REPORTS AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE DISTURBED BY MEAGER PROGRESS ON BACKLOG OF 600 APPLICATIONS TO MIGRATE TO US; TIMES ALSO HAS MOSCOW HINTS AT MISSILE GAIN IN ANNOUNCING AWARDS TO TESTING CREW. NYTIMES REPORTS JAPANESE PREMIER IN PARIS STARTING WEST EUROPEAN TALKS FOR NEW ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS, ALSO TO VISIT MOSCOW AND RENEW EFFORTS TO SECURE RETURN OF FOUR KURILE ISLES. BRANDT TOLD UN PEACE DEPENDS ON RENUNCIATION OF FORCE, THEN ACCEPTANCE OF REALITIES: FACT UNCLASSIFIED

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2. KISSINGER. NYTIMES GWERTZMAN REPORTS KISSINGER WARNED THERE WERE LIMITS TO US ABILITY TO PUT PRESSURE ON SOVIETS FOR CHANGE WITHOUT RUNNING RISK OF DAMAGING IMPROVED RELATIONS. KISSINGER REPEATED ADMINISTRATION CONTENTION THAT MORE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED TO AMELIORATE LOT OF SOVIET JEWS BY QUIET DIPLOMACY THAN BY PUBLIC PO-

LEMICS, AND ANNOUNCED NIXON WOULD MEET WITH GROMYKO TO DISCUSS STATE OF RELATIONS RECENTLY STRAINED BY SOVIET ATTACKS ON DISSIDENT INTELECTUALS. GWERTZMAN SAYS KISSINGER SEEMED MOST INTERESTED IN REPORTING PROGRESS MADE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EUROPEANS ON DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLE TO BE SIGNED BY NIXON WHEN HE VISITS EUROPE EITHER LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT, GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO PRAISE EEC FOR PRODUCING DRAFT DECLARATION BEING DISCUSSED WITH US. TALKS BETWEEN MARKET AND US RESUME SATURDAY WITH ASST SEC STOESSEL REPRESENTING US. ON RELATIONS WITH RUSSIANS, KISSINGER SAID US HAD OWN DEEPLY HELF VIEWS ABOUT HUMAN PROBLEMS IN RUSSIA, BUT QUESTION FOR US FOREIGN POLICY IS HOW MUCH OVERT ACTS CAN BRING ABOUT CHANGE AND IF NOT, WHAT ALTERNATIVES CAN BE DEvised. KISSINGER SAID "WE HAVE TAKEN POSITION WE WOULD NOT AS GOVERNMENT TAKE FORMAL PUBLIC POSITION, BUT WE ALSO TAKE POSITION THAT AS FAR AS WE HAVE INFLUENCE IN OTHER WAYS, TO USE IT TO LIMIT OF OUR CAPACITY." TO QUESTIONS ABOUT MIDDLE EAST KISSINGER SAID US HAD NO SPECIFIC PLAN TO OVERCOME DEADLOCK BUT WOULD USE INFLUENCE FOR COMPROMISE. WASHPOST BERGER ADDS THAT, IMPLICITLY LINKING ISSUE OF TROOPS TO CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO TIE MFN TARIFF TREATMENT FOR SOVIETS TO CHANGE IN EMIGRATION POLICIES, KISSINGER SAID "IT IS SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY TO BE ASKED AT SAME TIME TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT TRANSFORMATION OF SOVIET SYSTEM AND TO CUT ONE'S FORCES... FOR DEFENSE." KISSINGER SAID DENIAL OF MFN STATUS WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, AND ADDED "IF MFN IS BLOCKED THEN SERIOUS QUESTIONS HAVE TO BE RAISED ABOUT DEGREE TO WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES, IN THIS CASE THE SOVIET UNION,
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